



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **21st October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first half term; the children have worked hard every day and deserve a well-earned break over the holiday.

This Week

It has been a very busy week in school with many different activities happening to enrich the core curriculum.

Y3 Rosary Bead Making

In Y3 the children have been making their own individual set of Rosary beads as October is the Month of the Rosary. Thank you to the parents who came in to school to help with this. The Rosary beads will be blessed in our Advent Mass.

Y3 Stone Age Workshop

Y3 also spent Thursday afternoon finding out about life for people in the Stone Age as they had a Stone Age workshop in school. Mateo and Dylan in Y3 said: "We really enjoyed handling replicas and real artefacts from the Stone Age."

Pupil Chaplain Formation Day

On Tuesday a group of our Pupil Chaplains took part in a chaplaincy formation day at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. They joined other chaplains from schools across the Southwark diocese to explore scripture and their roles as faith leaders.

Y2 Scooter Training

Our Y2 children braved the rain yesterday to take part in scooter training. This is a workshop provided by the borough safety team and teaches the children vital skills for safe and confident scooter use.

Celebrating Black History Month

In assembly today we have been celebrating Black History Month. Each class was set a challenge to research the life of an inspirational person from African or Caribbean heritage and they presented their projects to the rest of the school. If you would like to find out more about Black History Month, please visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>

Black History is not limited to a month and we have taken steps to ensure that our curriculum and our school experience is diverse, inclusive and representative, through our choice of texts, the choice of people and places we study and through the range of visitors and events we have in school. Following on from Black History Month, our Y5 pupils will be taking part in a programme of diversity and racial justice training beginning after half term. Further details of this will be sent out to Y5 parents after the half term break.

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card design has been put in their reading packet this week. If you would like to order Christmas cards or other gifts with your child's design on, please complete the order form and return it to school with cash or cheque payment. Full details are on the form. If your child wants to get creative over the half-term and produce a new design, you can choose this instead.

Sports News

We had a fantastic performance from our Y6 tag rugby team in the Borough tournament this week. The mixed team played 7 matches against local schools and scored a great number of tries. They reached the semi-final and were all rightfully very proud of their teamwork and skilful play. As Willow and Eleri in Y6T said: "We are all very happy with the way we worked as a team and especially of the game when we won 6-0"

Upcoming Events

All Saints Day Mass 1st November at Our Lady Queen of Peace

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation and our KS2 classes will be joining the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace for Mass on this day. Parents are welcome to join us for Mass at 10am. The Schola Choir will be leading the singing and Y6T will be preparing the readings.

PTA Social Event 4th November

On 4th November the Y6 parents are hosting an evening social with music, drinks and nibbles. It promises to be a lovely, relaxed opportunity for parents old and new to enjoy one another's company. Tickets cost £15. Please do come along and help raise funds for the school and the Y6 end of year activities.

School Lunches

After half-term there will be a new menu for school lunches. We have attached this with this weekly update. If your child has a packed lunch, and would like to change to a school lunch, please email the school office.

Winter Uniform

After half term, all children should wear their winter school uniform. This consists of grey skirt or trousers, white collared shirt which buttons up at the neck, school tie, grey or maroon tights or socks, maroon jumper or cardigan and black school shoes, not trainers.

The full school uniform can be found on the school website: <https://www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=71>

Y6 Secondary School Applications

For our Y6 parents, please be reminded that you need to submit your secondary school application form to your home council by 31st October 2022 and send any supplementary forms for faith schools to the schools directly.

School Values

Congratulations to the following children who have received a School Values Award this week:

Reception: Tom

Y1: Alba

Y2: Ximena

Y3: Benjamin and Hugo

Y4: Zac

Y5: Lang

Y6A: Edoardo

Y6T: Madeleine

And finally, we have some very happy news to share with you. Our Y6T teacher, Miss Thomas is getting married over half-term. We all wish Miss Thomas and her husband-to-be a wonderful day and a long and happy marriage!

Have a relaxing half-term,

Jane Hines